

The Bride of Christ

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The Marriage
Covenant

Making Him In Our
Own Image?

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Session 1 - Summary

- Our Journey To Know Him?
- What is Israel?
- What is The Church?
- Why should we Care?
- **What is The Covenant?**

Big Statement!

It is impossible to understand the fullness
of His Plan of Salvation and
Biblical Prophecy ...

without a true definition of what is Israel
and a Hebrew Marriage Covenant
perspective!

The Time Has Come...

“For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned toward fables.”

2 Timothy 4:3-4

The Author of Confusion

- Who is the Author of Confusion?
- What does His Truth do when injected into a Fallen State?
- Why is the Enemy so afraid of Biblical Discipleship?

Israel = Piece of Dirt

Church = Building

Discipleship = Social Gatherings

If you want to spot the Devil...it will be the reverse of Biblical Truth!

The Lost Sheep

“But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Matthew 15:24

The Adoption of Jews?

“For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 9:3-5

The Journey to Know Him

- As a Saviour / Messiah (Infant)
- As a Father (Child / Sonship)
- As a King (Servant)
- As a Groom? (Intimacy)

The Modern Church

Replacement Theology - Catholicism / Orthodoxy (everything is finished and can often lead to anti-Semitism – All Roads lead to Rome – Jesuit Order – fear based)
A Israel is no longer relevant and has lost its kingdom. The Church has now become '*spiritual Israel*'.

Separatist Theology - *Dispensationalism* (Nelson Darby - birth of the denominations and often creates anti-Semitism & majority of denominations – fear based)
Israel and the Church are completely separate entities both physically and spiritually. Different roles and destiny's.

Covenant Theology - *Messianic Movements*
Covenant based – The Church and Israel are literally and spiritually united by means of the 'Wild Olive Tree' (those separated) being 'grafted' back into the Cultivated Olive Tree (Yeshua). The Covenant restored with His people Israel through the shedding of His blood.

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Part One

His Glory

“[It is] the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings [is] to search out a matter.”

Proverbs 25:2

Why is He Quoting The Old Testament?

“And you shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this [is] the first commandment.”

Mark 12:30

What is The Torah?

(First five books of the Old Testament)

Record of:

- His Covenant
- His Appointed Times
- His Statutes and Teachings (The household rules – Laws written down by Moses)
- His Character
- Our Family History

Now think about your Marriage, Family and Household?

Few Are Chosen

“And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants,

Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast [him] into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

For many are called, but few [are] chosen.”

Matthew 22:12-14

Continue In His Word

“Then said Yeshua to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word, [then] you are my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32

Spirit and Truth

<p>His Spirit</p>	<p><i>Evangelical</i> <i>Judaism</i> <i>Messianic</i> <i>Catholic / Orthodox</i></p>	<p>Marriage Covenant Based Faith?</p>
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Spirit and Truth

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.”

John 4:23-24

Our Theological River Banks

A beautiful picture of unity?

The Denominational 'Flying Fox'

Get in The Living Waters!

Battle Ground of The Mind

All these Theological positions can
lead us into self-defined '*sin*'
...seeking obedience through Fear
and Works

God's Definition of Sin

“Who ever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

1 John 3:4

Does this make sense?

Because it looked like this?

The Role of The Holy Spirit

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:”

John 16:7-8

Marriage Covenant Based Faith?

The Marriage

“I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion. I will be faithful to you and make you mine, and you will finally know me as the LORD.”

Hosea 2:19

The Great Mystery Revealed

“This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

Ephesians 5:32

What if you desired to be married?

What would you look for in your future spouse?

Would you be happy with a spouse who is obedient...but doesn't really love you?

(Legalism)

Would you be happy with a spouse who wanted to be with you...only for the things you could give them?

(Santa Clause /Genie in a Bottle God)

Would you be happy with a spouse who claims to love you...but doesn't really care to honour you?

(Cheapened Grace)

How about a Spouse...

Who honours you...because they have learned
to truly love and know you!

(A Covenant Based on Love)

What if this life was all about the choice and
opportunity to prepare for an eternal 'Marriage
Covenant'?

What about God's perspective?

What about His Plan,
His Dream...His Desire?

Consider this...

When you ask your Bride to marry
you...what would she need to
know?

That you love her

Before you go to the 'altar' with
her...what do you need to know?

That she loves you

Why do we think it would be any different for
the 'God' who actually created the Marriage
Covenant?

His whole *Plan of Salvation* has always
included our choice to know, obey and love
Him...or not

Many in His Church today are seeking what
God can do for them

or...what they should be
doing for God

Few are asking what He really wants us to be

His Salvation is not in question if you are truly
'called' (saved)

But not all will be chosen for His Bride

Made Herself Ready?

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Revelation 19:7

Bridezilla?

Video

Workers Without Law

“On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

(without The Law/Torah)

Warning to the 5 Fold Ministry of His Body

Matthew 7:22-23

Called The Least

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:19

Chasing Shadows?

Casting Shadows?

A Shadow of Things

“For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.”

Hebrews 10:1

A Shadow of Things

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath.

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,”

Colossians 2:16

Context Does Matter!

We need to look through the lens of the ancient Hebrew 'marriage covenant'...as He intended!

Biblical Hebrew Wedding Model

- Father of the Groom chooses “The Bride”
- Groom decides what he is willing to pay
- Contract was then written up (Ketubah)
- Bride decides whether she accepts
- Contract becomes legally binding (betrothed - Kiddushin)
- Mikvah – Water emersion both Bride and Groom
- Groom then returns to his fathers house to prepare a place for his Bride

Biblical Hebrew Wedding Model

- Bride prepares her garments for the wedding day
- Groom collects His bride only when the Father says it is time
(usually this occurs suddenly at night announced by the blowing of a shofar)
- There is then a ceremony back at the Fathers house where they are married under the Huppah. (only a few select guests - Nissiuin)
- Then a 7 day wedding feast open to the selected guests

Does any of this sound like the Plan of Salvation?

What is generally the next stage of a marriage union?

The Price of A Broken Covenant

What are the rules for a broken 'Betrothal'?

- Did you know that in the ancient Hebrew wedding model, if a Groom choose to break the Kiddushin during the Betrothal period for reason of Adultery...he still had to pay the Price he had agreed for Her?
- Did you know that she would be considered an 'Adulterous' women for as long as the Groom remained alive and they were not allowed to re-marry?
- Did you know that she was free to re-marry again whom ever she choose...once the Groom died?
- But what if she became repentant of what she had done?

What if the Groom died and rose again?

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Part Two

What is the Bible really
all about?

It is all about a 6000 year 'betrothal'
broken because of a 'spiritually
adulterous' Bride...

That was restored and sealed
on a wooden cross 2000 years
ago...

With the blood of the Groom

That ends in a marriage to
a repentant Wife

The Covenant with His beloved
people could only be 'fulfilled' and
made new through His death

To give us a chance to make a
sovereign choice...

To love, obey and know
Him...or not

To allow 'eternity' with His Bride
to be truly legitimate

This is His Love Story

Warning

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

Do We Love Him?

“If you love me, keep my Commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

the Spirit of truth; who the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you.”

John 14:15-17

The Marriage Covenant

A New Covenant?

“This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;”

Hebrews 10:16

Gods Definition of A New Covenant!

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:31-32

Written Our Hearts

“But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33

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Record of Debt...Not The Law

“by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross”

Colossians 2:14

To Fulfil...Not Destroy

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, .” till all be fulfilled

Matthew 5:17-18

The Fullness of Christ

What shadow did Christ cast?

- Was He a Lamb without sin?
- Did He come to do His Father's will?
- Did he come to Destroy or fulfil the Torah? (Covenant, Appointed Times, Statute and Teachings)
- Was The Covenant written on His Heart?

Should we define what the Fullness of Christ looks like?

What does repentance truly look like?

Does God Change?

“Yeshua Messiah the same yesterday, and to day, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

This Was His Shadow

God's Love Manifest in The Flesh!

No Greater Love

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:12-13

What Shadow Are You Casting?

Does it really look like His?

The Ark of The Covenant in Heaven!

“The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.”

Revelation 11:18-19

Written On The Hearts of His Servants

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

And when you have multiplied and been fruitful in the land, in those days, declares the LORD, they shall no more say, “The ark of the covenant of the LORD.” It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again.”

Jeremiah 3:15-16

His Truth, His Way...His Life

“Yeshua saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”

John 14:6